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Maddy Arms, Town of Vernon, Vermont Delegate to VT NDCAP and its Federal Nuclear Waste Policy Committee read the following statement regarding the Town of Vernon's position regarding spent fuel issues. This statement is the formal position taken by the Town of Vernon Selectboard representing the citizens of the Town:

The Federal Government has not performed its own mandate, to assume ownership and storage of spent nuclear fuel.

Thus, the current licensee, NorthStar, will monitor and maintain the Vermont Yankee ISFSI [Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation] until the Federal Government sites a repository or repositories and starts meeting its obligations.

The Town of Vernon understands and acknowledges the responsibility and the risk of housing the fuel until an approved repository or repositories is selected and the fuel can be transported off site.

The Town of Vernon supports a repository site or sites under the following conditions:

1. Approval by the Federal Government, DOE [US Department of Energy], Congress and the NRC [Nuclear Regulatory Commission].
2. Deemed / tested safe by engineering and environmental experts by known and reasonable standards.
3. Received approval and consent from the state, territory, town, or country [later clarified as "country" and not "county," assuming offshore storage of spent nuclear fuel] chosen to be the repository or repositories. This includes one single repository, multiple repositories, or interim storage.

Note: Items within brackets "[]" denote additional clarifications added by the State Nuclear Engineer and were not part of the statement as read.